



# Brentwood Secondary College

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### Principal's Report

#### Years 7 – 10 Assessment and Reporting

Over the past two years parents have read about the preparations the college has been making for the introduction of the major statewide curriculum restructure, the Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS). Essentially, the curriculum has been organised into six levels from Prep to Year 10 and three areas of learning called Strands: Physical, Personal and Social Learning, Discipline Based Learning and Interdisciplinary Learning. The VELS levels that pertain to secondary education are Level 5 which applies to years 7 and 8 and Level 6 which applies to years 9 and 10. Each of the three Strands is divided into subject disciplines or fields of learning which are called Domains. The Domains are further divided into areas of skill or knowledge that are called Dimensions. It is the Dimensions that have directed faculty course writing and it is these Dimensions that teachers will be referring to when assessing student progress in the VELS. In the English Domain each of the three Dimensions will be reported on individually and in the Mathematics Domain, five Dimensions will appear on the report. In all other Domains (subjects) the Dimensions will be aggregated into a single rating showing a student's ranking against the statewide standard.

As has been mentioned in the media and in earlier newsletters, it is a federal government requirement that student progress is to be rated against statewide standards using an A-E ranking, with C being the rating given to students who are working at the expected level for a particular semester and at their year level. This A-E ranking will apply to student progress in the Domains (or subjects) that they are studying each semester.

The A-E ranking for progress within the VELS Domains means that schools can no longer use the traditional A+ to E system to mark students' homework, assessment tasks, class work and tests. The Curriculum Committee, in consultation with all faculties,

have devised a system for grading student work which is modelled on university grades. The aim was to provide for a broad spread of marks while clearly indicating to students the quality of the work that they have submitted for marking.

#### 2007: Year 7 – 10 Grading system

Grade	Descriptor	%
HD	High Distinction	90-100%
DS1	Distinction 1	85 -89
DS2	Distinction 2	80 - 84
CR1	Credit 1	75-79
CR2	Credit 2	70-74
MR1	Merit 1	65-69
MR2	Merit 2	60-64
P1	Pass 1	55-59
P2	Pass 2	50-54
N	Not Satisfactory	<49

At Brentwood we are very mindful that parents have a high degree of satisfaction with the semester school reports and in fact 83% of respondents in the 2006 Parent Opinion Survey rated the school reports as excellent. The new report will look very much like the current report. It will include the reporting requirements for the VELS, the grid indicating the A-E statewide level, grades for student's assessment tasks and tests, a grid indicating a student's Learning Behaviours and two comment boxes. The first comment will refer to the work that the student has completed for the semester and the second comment will indicate how the student can improve their learning.

Further information can be accessed at:  
<http://vels.vcaa.vic.edu.au/>  
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/studentlearning/default.htm>.

*Barbara Laidlaw, Assistant Principal*

#### Parent/Teacher Interviews Thursday 29 March

Maps will be available on entry.  
Teacher location – see last page.

## Dates to Remember

26 March	Environment Meeting 5.00pm Annual Report Meeting 7.00pm School Council Meeting 7.30pm
28 March	Thursday's Timetable will run all day
29 March	Senior Golf Parent/Teacher Interviews – No formal classes
30 March	VCE Supportive Friends <b>End of Term 1 Students Dismissed 2.15pm. Please note buses will run on a normal timetable.</b>

## Barwon Prison Excursion

On Thursday 15 March, the year 11 Legal Studies class, accompanied by Ms Oliver and Ms Lamond, went to Barwon Prison in Lara, near Geelong. After an early morning start of 7:00am, and a one and a half hour bus ride we arrived at the maximum security prison, located in the middle of nowhere!

After a debrief from the prison guard we were taken through the state of the art security systems. This included a drug and explosive scanner and two metal detectors. When we got inside the prison gates, we found out that Barwon Prison is located on 30 acres of land and currently holds approximately 210 prisoners; this has been downgraded as approximately 464 prisoners used to be contained there. Inside the prison, there are different facilities including 2 metal factories, 1 wood factory, the kitchen, the visitor centre, and their 4 units of cells. The high profile prisoners such as the underworld and terrorist suspects are kept in an isolated jail inside Barwon.

We were taken into the Visitors Centre where 6 prisoners were waiting our arrival. The class split into 3 groups and each had a turn at interviewing all of the prisoners. Their crimes included murder, armed robbery and culpable driving. They all had different stories from living a life of crime to committing a one-off incident that landed them in jail. All the prisoners were serving at least 10 years. Many of us realised that fictional prison shows tell a very different story to the reality that we discovered. For instance, one of the prisoners had his own PlayStation to keep him occupied for the 17 hours a day that they are kept inside their cells.

All the students were intrigued with their life stories and learnt a lot about the prison system.

*Jake Remington and Rosy Roberts, 11G.*

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Renee Cleaver of year 8, who as a senior member of the Australian Girls Choir has been selected to perform as part of the FINA World Swimming Championships Opening and Closing Ceremonies at the Rod Laver Arena.

*Alda Brangsch, Year 8 Coordinator*

## Sports Roundup

### Year 8 Girls Volleyball

On Tuesday 13 March a group of 18 excited Year 8 girls met outside the front of the gym for an action packed day of volleyball. Two teams were representing Brentwood Secondary College.

#### A Team

Ghandeer Elkhub	Emily Laidlaw
Georgia Taylor	Jess Eden
Christina Kazantzidis	Kelsey Smith
Cecilia Faalili	Kat Stoop
Jen Stephanov	

#### B Team

Lauren Boulton	Cailen Taylor
Beth Alexander	Nicole Tay
Linda Tieu	Tuba Oazk
Tiarne Butler	Jen Elphinstone
Bianca Dinardo	

The B Team had a fantastic day of play, winning all but one game. They finished on top of their pool, this was a great achievement due to the fact that they had played three 'A' teams from other schools. They were also rostered on to perform 'duty' twice and did a fantastic job at helping the brilliant student coaches Georgia Delithodoris and Jessica Simpson with umpiring, scoring and line calls. All of the girls in the B team are to be congratulated for their constant enthusiasm and attitude towards the competition.

The A Team had an exceptional run throughout the tournament, finishing undefeated and on top of their pool, making it through to the final against Glen Waverley. The final was very nerve racking, however, the girls maintained their composure to win the match 2 sets 0. I was extremely proud of the determination and sportsmanship from all the girls in the team and believe that they also should be proud of the way they played during the whole tournament. Also a big thank you to my student coaches for coaching/assisting on the day, you did a fantastic job! Well done.

*Sarah Hately, Team Manager*

## **Year 8 Boys Baseball**

On Tuesday March 13 the baseball team travelled to Kings Park in Ferntree Gully ready to contest for the championship. We played Glen Waverley in the first game winning 6-0. Game highlights were the pitching from Sam Kassianou and the hitting from Jake Matchett.

In game 2 the boys jumped Mt Waverley in the first innings scoring 8 runs to 2. When time ran out in the second innings Brentwood had scored a further 4 runs. Highlights were the hitting from Nathan Thiele, Sina Roshan and Mark Janecki.

In game 3 the team played Ashwood College winning 8-5, with Ashwood batting twice and Brentwood only once. Excellent pitching from Ben Richards and great hitting by Sam Kassianou, Jake Matchett, Michael Pegiou and Sina Roshan.

In the final game of the day it was Brentwood with 3 wins versus Highvale with 2 and a draw, the winner to be champions. The Brentwood boys took their game to another level scoring 9 runs to Highvale 1. Highlights were again the pitching from Sam Kassianou and strong hitting from Kassianou, Richards, Matchett, Michael Pegiou (2 outfield hits) and Tim Rowe.

Congratulations to all team members for their participation, sportsmanship and cooperation on the day. A big thank you to the assistant coaches Jack Tyrell and Chris Toth for assisting with training and coaching the bases on the day. Well done boys and good luck at Eastern Zone later in the year.

### **Team**

Ashaan Patel	Ben Richards
Nathan Thiele	Chris Robson
Sina Roshan	Blair Hutchison
Sam Kassianou	Jake Matchett
Michael Pegiou	Tim Rowe
Mark Janecki	Bethel Loh

### **Student Coaches**

Jack Tyrell	Chris Toth
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### ***Geoff Rutherford, Coach***

## **Year 8 Girls Cricket**

Congratulations to our year 8 girls cricket team who made it through to zone last week by winning both the heat and final!

The girls first played Glen Waverley and were sent in to bat first. Playing a 12 over innings, our batswomen managed to amass a score of 55 with Madaleine Vantavakis smashing four boundaries and retiring on 22. Fortunately for us, Glen Waverley only reached 51 due to the superb bowling of India Donaldson (4 wickets) and lightning reflexes of our fielders.

The final was against Highvale who had us worried by giving us a score of 74 to chase. This would have been much higher if it wasn't for Emily Cross getting three wickets, the competent keeping of Christine Koutsimanis and the fielding abilities of Anna Zhang. However, not only did our girls score the 75 runs, which was required to win, but they managed to carve the field up and scored 75 in less than 8 overs! Well done to India and Christina who scored 28 (n.o) and 13 (n.o) respectively.

Well done to all the girls who played on the day and good luck in zone!

### **Team**

Emily Cross (Captain)	India Donaldson (Vice-Captain)
Aarushi Kansal	Madaleine Vantavakis
Leesa Delang	Anna Zhang
Simone Siereg	Rhaina Smith
Christine Koutsimanis	Melissa Bebonis
Lisa Panigraha	Lucy Yang

### ***Shane Hunt, Coach***

## **Year 7 Girls Softball**

After struggling to get enough girls to field a team Brentwood finally got to our round robin on Monday 19 March with 9 players. Sarah was unable to play due to a serious bike stack on the weekend.

Instead of playing at the very green Jells Park, we played on the Sahara desert - otherwise known as the Brentwood Secondary College oval.

Our team had no experienced pitcher but lots of strong batters. We lost the first game to Highvale by 2 runs, coming home fast we ran out of time to catch their score; but we did discover our catcher and captain Cassie could pitch!

In our second game we beat Wheelers Hill 11-7 with vastly improved fielding.

With our third match we kept improving and we beat our toughest opposition Glen Waverley 14-10.

Our last match was against Mt Waverley and in a very even competition where every team had won at least one game each, we knew that if we won, we could still win the competition. We defeated Mt Waverley 11-5 and after a slow start, we are off to Zone.

Well done girls! A great effort from a team with only 4 players who play softball outside of school.

Thank you to Emma Tyler and Alison Whitby for helping us on the day and Sienna Head for scoring.

### **Team**

Cassie Rowe	Kate Tyrell
Meg Wrench-Joseph	Jess Powers
Aisha Jammeh	Sheryl Pei
Alysha Taggart	Georgia Harkness
Helena Le	Sarah Luu (injured)

### ***Suzanne Plant, Coach***

### **Year 7 Boys Baseball**

On Monday 19 March a confident group of boys travelled to Kings Park in Ferntree Gully for the year 7 round robin day. In the first game against Glen Waverley the team started well and after one inning the scores were tied nil all. In the second innings Glen Waverley edged ahead 1-0 in a tight game. In the third and final inning Glen Waverley stretched their lead to 5-0 and dismissed Brentwood for nil again. This was a great effort from a team of 13 players, 10 of whom were playing their first ever competitive game of baseball. Highlights were the pitching of Tom Maxfield, an outstanding catch and tag from Kieran Kennedy and the hitting from Dylan Frankland, Dane Rhind, Kieran Kennedy and Sean Sripapattanavong.

In game 2 Brentwood played Wellington and performed strongly to easily account for Wellington 11-5. Highlights were again the pitching from Tom Maxfield and hitting from Dylan Frankland (2 hits), Tom Maxfield (2 hits, one home run), Alex Tapanes, Kieran Kennedy, Reiner Deitenbach, Dane Rhind and Daniel Bugge.

After not qualifying for the final the boys were to play Wheelers Hill in a play off for third place. The team was very keen to win this game. Wheelers Hill batted first and scored 7 runs. Not to be outdone or subdued Brentwood responded with 9 runs of their own with every boy getting a safe hit. Leading 9-7 Brentwood dismissed a determined Wheelers Hill for 2 runs and went in to bat to try to win the game at 9 all. After scoring 4 runs the umpire called time and game with 5 minutes remaining and Brentwood had won 13-9. With all 5 boys in that second innings getting a hit.

Congratulations to all the year seven team on coming third on the day. A big thank you to Nathan Thiele for his assistance at training and help coaching on the day.

### **Team**

Tom Maxfield	Kieran Kennedy
Alex Tapanes	Reiner Deitenbach

Dylan Frankland	Daniel Bugge
John Pulbrook	Sean Sripapattanavong
Jamie Thomas	Andy Madder
Brad Mills	Dane Rhind
Anson Lee	

**Student Coach**  
Nathan Thiel

### ***Geoff Rutherford, Coach***

### **Year 8 Girls Softball**

It was a fine, sunny 25° on 13 March and the year 8 girls couldn't have planned better conditions. They turned up for some early morning training at Brentwood and fine tuned their skills, even using the umpire for some last minute tips. Our team looked very good, in particular with the home ground advantage.

### **Team**

Jessica Young	Rebecca Gray
Jessica Lukhanow	Charmaine Dale
Renee Cleaver	Windya Arambawela
Sally Verdaasdonk	Annalise Henderson
Tiarne Ecker	Laura Simon
Georgia Corbett	

The first team we played was Mt Waverley who were ahead two runs by the second innings. It was a nail biting game which had both players from the bench cheering the team on.

In the first innings Tiarne, Bec and Jessica Lukjanow scored runs. In the second innings, Georgia, Charmaine and Tiarne (once again) touched home plate. Excellent fielding skills were being developed with Tiarne's great pitching and Charmaine's catching. Our third innings went downhill with Mt Waverley's pitcher, who managed to get 3 out of 4 players out. The top order of the opposing team was too strong, continuing to get home. Our score was currently 6-12 to Mount Waverley.

Our team was beginning to lose spirit yet quickly decided to attack the fourth innings with a vengeance. We achieved the unbelievable; all 9 players home! The girls were cheering and so excited by their performance, in particular when, Windya, under pressure with loaded bases, slogged the ball to left field and achieved a home run. All four sprinted for home. A fantastic effort. This took our team to a score of 15-12 to Brentwood. Unfortunately, time was not on our side, and much to the team's disappointment, time was called, meaning the fourth innings wouldn't be counted. Our final score was 6-12. A disappointing loss.

Our second game against Wellington was very successful. Tiarne again pitched very well with the team working in sync with their fielding skills

getting the first three players out. We scored three, bringing the score to 3-0 (Brentwood). Wellington fought back in the second, with 6 runs in return then Laura hit a huge shot and helped get two home. In the second innings we scored 8 runs, a huge effort. In the third innings we continued with good performance achieving 2 a piece. Our final score was 12-8 to Brentwood.

Unfortunately, due to the first loss, we missed out on getting into the final but played off for third or fourth against Highvale. Our team was strong with Tiarne who achieved three strike outs in the first innings and two in the second. The girls had a fantastic win with 18-6. We came third overall.

A special thanks to each player for their tremendous effort, in addition to, a special thanks for Betty Smith who assisted with their training.

***Lauren Rogers, Coach***

### **Year 8 Boys Cricket Waverley District Final vs Highvale SC**

Brentwood: 5/106 off 20 overs

Craig Dancey 39 retired

Dilan Somaratne 25

Highvale: 10/58 off 19 overs

Scott Rojo 2/2 off 1 over

Nick Verity 2/7 off 3 overs

Brandon Fredericks 2/9 off 3 overs

Mitchell Peddle 1/6 off 2 overs

Scott Tunnicliff 1/9 off 3 overs

On Wednesday 21 March the year 8 boys cricket team took a short walk to Brandon Park Reserve to play Highvale Secondary College for the title of District champions.

Although we lost the toss and had to bat, our opening batsmen, Josh Williams and Craig Dancey, got off to a reasonable start. After Josh was caught trying to hit the ball long down the ground, Craig picked the run rate up by hitting three boundaries in quick succession. Craig combined with Dilan Somaratne to put on 48 runs before the fall of the next wicket. At that stage we were cruising at 3 for 87 off 14 overs. However, Highvale's bowlers did a terrific job in the final six overs conceding just 19 runs, even with Alex Castricum smashing 10 runs off 4 balls!

With the run rate at around 5.5 runs per over, we were a little concerned but we were even more worried after the first two overs as they were no wicket for 12. Josh Williams and Scott Tunnicliffe responded well, bowling extremely tight over the next four overs before the pressure to score boundaries eventually brought about the first wicket, leaving Highvale 1 for 20 after seven overs. Nick Verity then came on and Brandon Fredericks gave him a great birthday present by taking an unbelievable one handed catch in slips! One over later and Josh Williams gave Nick a birthday present of his own diving full stretch to his right to take another awesome catch at square leg! Brandon Fredericks and Mitchell Peddle bowled brilliant spells and continued to stem the flow of runs, as well as take some vital wickets. Then with eight balls remaining in the match Scott Tunnicliffe took a fantastic diving catch of his own, which was followed by another wicket the very next ball leaving Scott Rojo stranded on a hat trick until we play again in the first week of term 4!

Congratulations to all the boys on winning back to back District titles. The team will compete in the Eastern Zone Final on Thursday 11 October.

Thank you to Seb Henderson for going square leg umpire for the day.

***David Hose, Coach***

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## **Community Corner**

### **Are You Interested in Volunteering?**

Monash Volunteer Resource Centre is situated at 5 Myrtle Street, Glen Waverley (Melway 71 B2) and has a database which has numerous volunteer positions available. If you are interested or require further information please phone 9562 0414.

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## **Canteen News**

Mon: H Paterson, G Thompson, L Creighton,  
I Yan

Tues: D Lawless, S Du Bois

Wed: S Tighello, T Mustac, V Bourdakis

Thur: Parent/Teacher Interviews

Fri: D Cragg, M Hayes

Thank you everyone.

***Shirley & Carol***

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## Year 8 Information

### Study Skills

The table below was included in the Study Skills Session your child/ren had in February. It can help you and your child/ren work out the homework and study times that best suit your family's schedule. Our suggestion is that you sit down with your child/ren and do the task together.

In the table below, **shade** in the times when you have out-of-school commitments. Also shade in dinner time and genuine family time. This will give you a good idea how much time is available to do your homework.

\*\*\* Be honest with yourself – how much time do you really give to activities outside of school? \*\*\*\*

YOUR WEEKLY PATTERN							
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
3.30 pm							
4.00 pm							
4.30 pm							
5.00 pm							
5.30 pm							
6.00 pm							
6.30 pm							
7.00 pm							
7.30 pm							
8.00 pm							
8.30 pm							
9.00 pm							

*Alda Brangsch, Head of Junior School*

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## Parent Teacher Interviews

Room	Teachers
C2	Mrs Brown, Mrs Brisbane, Mrs Rizzo, Ms McNeil, Ms Wood, Ms Pollock
C3	Mrs Weeraratne, Ms Estate, Mrs Anderson, Ms Bonning, Ms Champion, Mrs Brangsch
C4	Mr Lilly, Ms Katz, Mr Exton, Ms Le Grove, Mr Roberts, Mr Rodwell
C5	Ms O'Connor, Mrs Erwich, Mr Rhodes, Mr Batalha, Mr Oudshoorn
C6	Mrs Stanley, Ms Reed, Mrs Yeung, Ms Seyler, Mr Hender
C7	Ms Heneberry, Mrs Meadows, Mrs Morris, Ms Lamond
C8	Mrs Dawod, Ms Bainbridge, Ms Valcanis, Mrs Wright
A1	Mr Cooper, Mrs Gannon, Ms Hawley, Mr Mackay, Mrs Seymour-Gough
A2	Mrs Oliver, Ms Brudenell, Ms Burrows, Mr Zacharopoulos, Mrs Stewart
A3	Mr Davatzis, Ms Chisholm, Mr Baulch, Mrs Gotz, Mr Burton, Mr Wright
A4	Mr Rutherford, Ms Nash, Ms Hatley, Mr Hose, Ms Bishop, Ms Plant
G9	Mr Attard, Mr Hunt, Ms Rochford, Ms Binaisse
G10	Mrs Burge, Mrs Soans, Mr Romary, Mr Claney
G11	Mr Costin, Mrs Fisher, Mrs Haslett, Ms Saliba
G12	Mr Prentice, Mrs Exton, Ms Kemp
Library	Mrs Marveggio, Mrs Crow, Mr Newcombe, Mrs Ardley, Ms Antonuik, Ms Meyenn
SLC	Mr Ma, Mr Chinnock, Ms Dickenson, Mr Gamble, Mr Andrewarth, Mr Wiseman, Ms Bach, Ms Atkins, Mrs Thapliyal, Mrs Sanguinetti, Mrs Junor, Ms Hall, Mrs Cure, Mrs Rogers